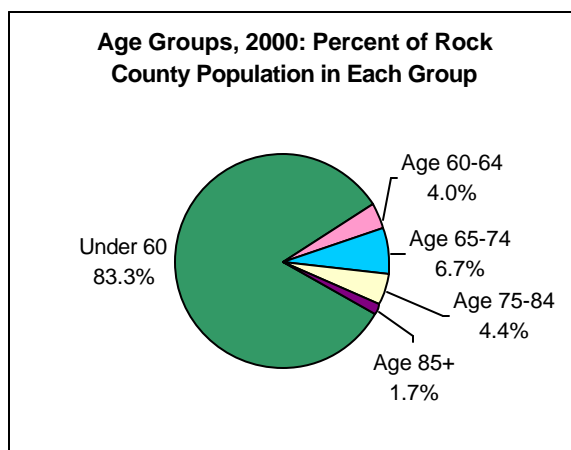

Rock County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Rock County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.7% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (10.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 19,395 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 2,552 of these are age 85 or older. Rock County's average (or median) age is 35.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Rock County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	152,307		139,510		12,797	9.2%
Persons 60 and over	25,444	16.7%	23,533	16.9%	1,911	8.1%
Persons 65 and over	19,395	12.7%	17,593	12.6%	1,802	10.2%
Persons 85 and over	2,552	1.7%	1,989	1.4%	563	28.3%



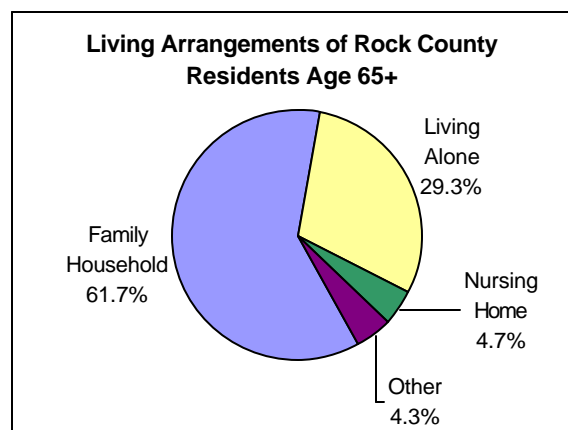
Race:

A large majority (96.6%) of Rock County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Rock County African Americans have a median age of 26.8 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.7 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.0 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 58,617 households in Rock County, 13,272 include at least one person age 65 or older (22.6% of all households). A total of 12,433 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 77.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.3% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.5% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 909 people age 65 and older live in Rock County nursing homes (4.7% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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